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1. E/COUNS DELIVERED MESSAGE REFTEL (A) TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JANAN EXIMBANK (JEIB) ICHIRO SHIMBA APR 16. SHIMBA REVEIWD CONTENTS OF MESSAGE AND SAID HE APPRECIATED CLOSE COOPERATION WITH U.S. EXIMBANK. SHIMBA ADDED THAT JEOP STILL NEGOTIATING WITH SOVIETS ON YAKUTSK GAS, BUT THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE MAKE A COMMITMENT TO SOVIETS BASED ON LATER AGREEMENT ON U.S. PARTICIPATION. SHIMBA PROMISED E/COUNS FULL REPORT WHEN NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED.

2. IN LATER CONVERSATIONS, TOKYO GAS OFFICIALS INDICATED JEIB HAD IN FACT ALREADY DECIDED TO ISSUE CONDITIONAL COMMITMENT FOR YAKUTSK CREDITS. PRIVATE LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS ON YAKUTSK GAS NOT GOING AS WELL, HOWEVER. ACCORDING TOKYO GAS, JOINT MEMORANDUM WOULD BE ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF PRIVATE
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TALKS (IN NEXT FEW DAYS) BUT MEMORANDUM WOULD ONLY NOTE

THAT CERTAIN POINTS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY TWO SIDES.

3. NEGOTIATIONS ON YAKUTSK COAL, BOTH ON PRIVATE LEVEL
AND WITHIN JEIB, APPEAR TO BE MAKING PROGRESS. FINAL
AGREEMENT APPEARS WITHIN REACH, AND COULD BE ANNOUNCED
DURING CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT
JEIB ALSO READY TO CONCLUDE CREDIT AGREEMENT ON
TIMBER PROJECT (KAWAI-SEDOV II) IF PRIVATE LEVEL AGREE-
MENT CAN BE REACHED ON PRICE. RE LATTER PROJECT,
GOJ BELIEVES SOVIETS WILL BE MORE FORTHCOMING ON PRICE
ISSUES IF GOJ REFUSES TO DISCUSS CREDITS UNTIL PRICE
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